

Order of Worship for January 23, 2022 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany/PV Pulpit Swap Sunday
For the transformation of the world, we make disciples. We study God's Word and offer praise
and worship as we strengthen each other for outreach beyond the church walls.

Theresa M. Heiser, Pastor Visit the charge site at PennsValleyParish.info
Listen to the message 24/7 at 814-422-6238. Visit PennsValleyParish.info for more details!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Have Coffee with the Pastor Thursday, Jan. 27 at Earlstown Diner at 8:30am
- Encourage the youth you know in grades 6-12 to join our Chargewide Youth Group meeting next Sunday, Jan. 30 at St. James UMC, Coburn 5-6:30pm. Youth Pizza Study is a pizza dinner followed by study!
- Our next potluck lunch is February 13th. Bring along with a covered dish and break bread together after church. All are welcome, invite a friend to join us!
- Invitation to all who have never been baptized or confirmed your faith in maturity, what we call profession of faith: Jesus calls us publicly and we are to answer publicly through baptism and profession of faith to join the body of Christ! Easter is the perfect time! See Pastor Theresa for details.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE *Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

P: Earth below receives the good news with great joy.

L: The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come to show us the best ways to serve God.

P: By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.

L: Come, let us prepare ourselves for joyful service.

P: Lord, make us ready for great service in your name. AMEN.

P: God calls each of us to unite in worship together!

OPENING PRAYER

Leading and Guiding God, you have opened the doors to us for true service. We are encouraged to become involved in ministries of peace and justice. The light of promise is reflected in your Spirit which rests in each one of us. Get us ready to serve you. Guide our lives, as we learn more of what you would have us do. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN Stand By Me UMH #512

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

MESSAGE *Eager Anticipation* from Randy Muthersbaugh

CLOSING HYMN Breathe on Me, Breath of God UMH #420

COMMISSION & BLESSING

SELF STUDY: You Are the Body

Read [1 Corinthians 12:12-31a](#)

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements (in general). Why or why not?

Adults don't like to ask for help.

Adults are uncomfortable with being vulnerable with others.

Adults need others to thrive.

Adults like to think they can provide for themselves without the help of others.

What point do you think Paul might be making by listing the "various kinds of tongues" last in his list of gifts (verses 28)?

Paul observes that some gifts seem to have more "honor" than others. Which gifts are more esteemed or respected in your church? Which gifts are likely to be underappreciated?

Paul is writing to an ethnically diverse group in Corinth. There would also have been clear status divisions in the society between the freed men and the slaves. How do you think this church (or likely groups of churches) would have received verse 13? What are the implications for the church today?

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